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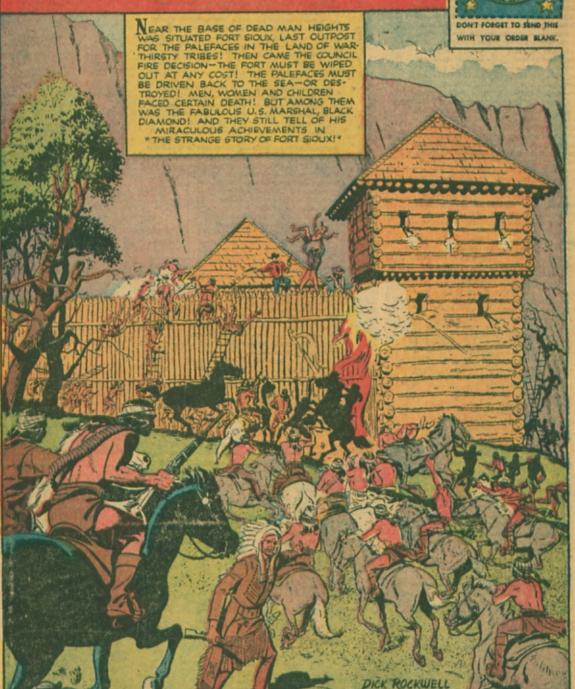


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in THE STRANGE STORY OF FORT SIOUX"



CUT OUT AND SAVE!



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AND THROUGH THE LATE HOURS OF MCRNING JUST BEFORE THE APPROACH OF OMINOUS DAWN, FAMILY AFTER FAMILY STRAGGLES THROUGH THE GATES OF FORT SIOUX YES! THE BURNS FAMILY AND CODYS GOT DOWN OUT OF DEAD MAN HEIGHTS IN TIME! THAT'S EVERY-THAT'S ALL OF THEM BODY









































THE IMPROVISED BOMB HITS HIGH

THE UNWARY BRAVES SCATTER LIKE SEEDS IN THE WIND BEFORE THE RESULTING LANDSLIDE ...





YEAH...SURE-IT'S A CAVE, ALL RISHT! BUT WHAT GOOD IS A CAVE OUT THERE AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

MUCH LATER, UNDER THE

WHERE DON'T ASK QUESTIONSARE YOU
GOIN'
DIAMOND!
THE INDIANS ARE
TRYING TO FIGURE
OUT THEIR NEXT
MOVE! IT'LL GIVE US
A CHANCE TO INVESTIGATE SOMETHING!

THE TWO DISAPPEAR INTO THE YAWNING BLACK MOUTH OF THE CAVE! AN HOUR PASSES, THEN...









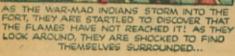














WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

HEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you can and should do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities -intelligence, character, dignity all go to naught ... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that people see first is your face.

SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than now.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out

with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circum-



stances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.

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MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources-one, internally and the other, externally.

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any ail mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

- 1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
- 2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragments of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
- 3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.





Normal skin

Sick, pimply skin

Diagram A shows a normal-size, smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

TRY THIS SENSIBLE WAY

Two sensible aims to achieve in controlling this skin condition are: to clear the pores of clogging matter, and to inhibit the excessive oiliness of the skin. Toward these ends, Dornol Products' research makes available two formulas. One is to aid in thorough cleansing by highly detergent penetration which simplifies the removal of waste and foreign matter. The other is to discourage oiliness with clinically-proved ingredients, and to kill infectious bacteria often associated with externally caused pimples and blackheads.

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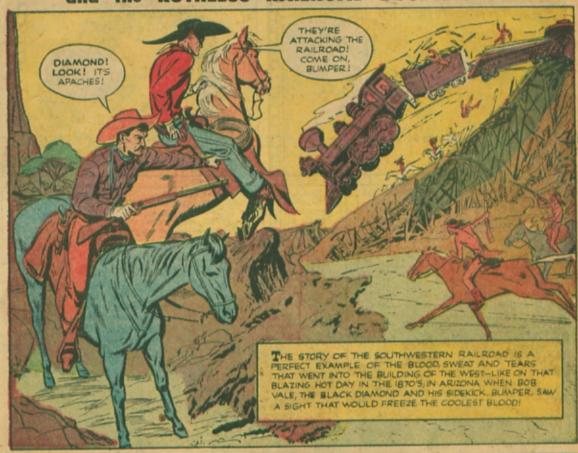
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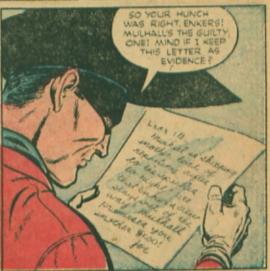






























IT WAS RETRIBUTION FOR ENKERS—HE WAS KILLED BY THE VERY STAGECOACH INTERESTS HE HAD TRIED TO FRAME! A MONTH LATER, NEAR CRAZY CREEK TRESTLE, BLACK DIAMOND MEETS MULHALL .. WELL, THEY FINISHED THAT TRESTLE IN JIG TIME!

SUNK IN THE RAILROADS! THAT'S WHY TEN HOURS





Saloon and spoke quietly to Doc Drake the proprietor and bartender.

"But, Doc," confidentially said Neilsen in a low voice. "There's something mighty strange about this guy Jackson."

"There doesn't seem to be anything strange about him except that he doesn't hang around the Nugget the way the rest of the boys do," answered Doc.

"Well, that's strange for a placer miner," continued Neilsen. "But that isn't all, he just seems anti-social."

"That isn't strange either," said Doc. "Plenty of people are that way."

"Well, he doesn't seem anti-social in the usual way," murmered Neilsen. "He acts like he's hiding something. He seems sociable enough but is kind of holding himself back, afraid he'll spill something."

"I hadn't noticed that," mused Doc. "Maybe you're right. Maybe he's really hit something big and doesn't want to spill the beans."

"That's what I've figured, Doc," Neilsen said with determination. "And I aim to find out what he's hiding."

"Well, just take it easy," warned Doc. "Don't get your nose too far into his business. You know what happens to snoopers around this town. One step too far and you'll be a dead duck."

Neilsen walked out of the bar and down the rutted street to the post office. He noticed Jackson at the window with a small package. Walking over to the tall miner, Neilsen greeted him. "Hello, Jackson, how're things up the Roaring Fork?"

Jackson started at being addressed, clutched the package tightly and looked like he wanted to hide it, then answered. "Things are still pretty slow up there, Neilsen. Placer mining is pretty slim these days."

"Yeah," answered Neilsen. "Guess the days of the gold rush are over. We missed the boat by being a little late for the real pickin's."

"Guess so," muttered Jackson and turned abruptly, anxious to get his package started on its journey eastward. The package in his hand, he realized, was the key to his whole future. He had only now to wait for a reply. He wondered how long that would take. Mails were slow and the package had a long way to go and the reply a long way to come back. "Well," he thought, as he turned the package over to the clerk, "I'm putting my life in your hands."

Neilsen, ready to read mystery into every move of Jackson's, thought the package might hold some clue but could not get close enough to Jackson or the clerk to see to whom it was addressed. It was very small, but from the reaction of the clerk when he took it, it must have been quite heavy. The clerk had kiddingly said. "What've you got in here, Jackson, a gold nugget?"

Neilsen noticed that Jackson blanched at the remark and stuttered an answer. "No, wish it were."

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vance information, Neilsen thought. The panning had become increasingly difficult, the gold was scarce. Not only was the gold scarce but the gold in the Roaring Fork and surrounding streams was so mixed with that heavy black sand it was hard to separate it. A man really could only pan enough to keep body and soul together.

Jackson continued to be a mystery in Placerville. He did not go to the Nugget. No one had more than casual conversation with him. To all appearances he was a very friendly person but seemed preoccupied and made no attempt to befriend anyone. He had been in Placerville a short time and from the little information the habitues of the Nugget could plece together they realized he was from the east, possibly New England. He spoke well and they figured he must be fairly well educated. Why he had come to Placerville, no one could figure out. The gold rush was certainly over, the town was dying on its feet and only a few hangers-on remained.

Neilsen's curiosity could not be assuaged. He tried periodically to engage Jackson in conversation but always seemed to hit a dead end. Jackson recently had appeared in town more and more often but the post office seemed to be his main hangout. He seemed to be waiting for something. As soon as the mail arrived, he always eagerly questioned the clerk for mail and always received the same disappointing answer of, "no, nothing here, Jackson."

One night Neilsen decided to go out to Jackson's camp along the Roaring Fork. He didn't know what he expected to find, but he hoped to get some answer to the mystery of Jackson. If it was as he suspected, that Jackson had a lead on a vein, he'd like to find out. Rather than spy around, he decided to pay a friendly call and see if he could break down Jackson's reserve.

He rode over to the Roaring Fork and found the trail that led to Jackson's cabin. The trail became increasingly narrow and difficult, so he left his horse and went the rest of the way on foot. As he approached Jackson's small log shack he wondered for a moment if he'd made a stupid mistake. How did he know how Jackson would react to this visit. For all he know, he might be a dead duck before the night was out. He knocked on the door and at the same time yelled. "Hey, Jackson, it's Neilsen. Was just down the Fork at Mel's place and thought I'd stop by."

Jackson came to the door, opened it and invited Neilsen in. "I don't have many visitors, Neilsen, but come on in."

Neilsen entered and was quite overcome with what he saw inside. The room was stacked with books in complete disarray as if Jackson were reading about ten of them at the same time. "Well, so you're a book worm, eh Jackson?" he asked.

"Well, not exactly," answered Jackson.

"You must be from the looks of this, No wonder you don't spend time at the Nugget with all them books to read. I haven't read a book in about five years," continued Nellsen.

"Yes, I keep pretty busy," answered Jackson.
Nellsen, now satisfied that the reason for
Jackson's seclusion was because he was a bookworm and didn't have time for carousing with
the boys, thought he might as well cut his
visit short. "Well, Jackson, I just stopped on
the way home. I'd better be going."

After Neilsen had left, Jackson picked up the book on metallurgy that he'd been reading and the evening passed rapidly by.

The next morning before Jackson made his daily trip into the post office, he decided to go once more to that spot on the side of the mountain that rose from the Roaring Fork. The spot was well located in his mind, he hadn't staked it fearing someone would jump the claim thinking it to be a gold strike. Not being an authority on ore he had his doubts about this, but now, after months of perusing the books, he was pretty sure.

Jackson then rode into town to the post office. He'd hardly entered the door when the clerk spotted him and said, "Hey Jackson, here's a letter. Is this what you've been waiting for?"

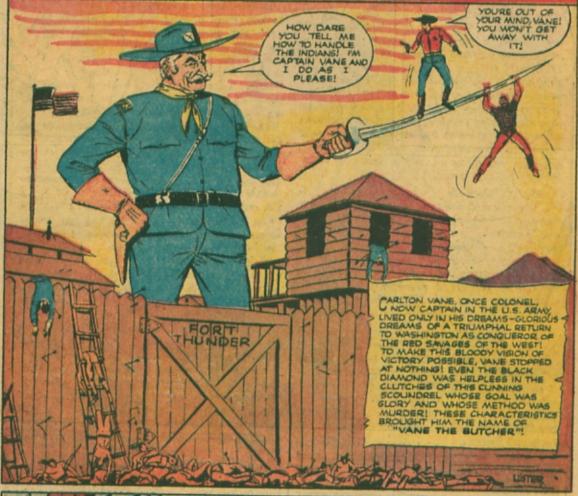
Jackson ran through the door, grabbed the letter and tore it open. As he read, his features relaxed, his eyes shone. He stuffed the letter in his pocket and raced out the door, then ran to the claims office. He filed the largest claim Placerville had had in ten years and the men in the office looked at him as if he'd lost his mind. No sooner had he filed than the word passed from the claims office down the street.

Before the news of Jackson's claim had hit the Nugget Saloon, Jackson strode into the bar. It was such an unusual sight that all the men within froze in their tracks. Glasses, half lifted, remained in the air; Doc Drake forgot to turn off the spigot on the beer keg; Nellsen tipped over a glass.

Jackson, in his excitement, ordered drinks for everyone. When the drinks were delivered he finally said; "Well, Placerville is on its way back. The black sand we've all been complaining about is nothing more than an erosion from earbonates of lead and silver ore. I've just had it assayed and it's as I've suspected for a long time. I've just filed claim for a silver mine. Get out your picks and shovels! The gold rush is off and the silver rush is on!"

BLACK DIAMOND

MEETS CRAZY CAPTAIN VANE"

















OH, I FORGOT TO MENTION THEM

THE FOLLOWING DAY A SMALL TROOP OF U.S. CAVALRY RIDES OUT TO SPREAD "GOOD WILL"...









BUT ON THE SCENE OF THE CRIME YOUR BRAVES DID LET US HOPE THE NOT LIE, CHIEF! EXPLANATION 6 GOOD, O AND HORRIBLE IS GOING ON! THIS TRAIL OF ARMY FRIEND OF MY HORSES LEADS AWAY TREATY OR NO TREATY, MY FRIEND AND I WILL SEEK TO OVERTAKE VILL NOT THEM! MEANWHILE, STAND BY YOU RIDE TO FORT AND BE SLAUGHTERED **EXPLANATION**



GOOD THING BLAME GOOD DOG! HE EX-PECTS A PEACE TREATY TO BE WE SPENT THE NIGHT WITH CHIEF GOOD DOG, DIAMOND BINDING ON HE WAS MAD BOTH SIDES! THIS INCIDENT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, BUMPER! THIS SHOULD BE THE QUIETEST TERRI-START A FRONTIER WAR TORY ON THE

WHAT'S

MEANWHILE, AS BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER START OUT FOR FORT THUNDER, A WAGON TRAIN OF WHITE SETTLERS HEADED IN THE SAME DIRECTION IS STOPPED BY BAN ROKER AND HIS MEN...



NOBODY...BUT NOBODY GITS BACK TO FORT THUNDER TO SAY IT WASN'T APACHES THAT DESTROYED THIS WAGON TRAIN! NOW GO WIPE 'EM OUT

THE MATTER WITH THEM TROOPERS! AT US! ARREHH! BANG! RANG! BANGI

















SORRY-













MINUTES LATER, AS THE BLACK DIAMOND TELLS VANE OF THE BUFFALO HUNT SLAUGHTER AND THE APACHE ATTACK ON THE WAGON TRAIN...



DEAD MEN DIDN'T ATTACK THE SETTLERS! THESE AMULETS, BRACE LETS, RINGS AND WEAPONS WERE STOLEN FROM THE DEAD BODIES OF THE AMBUSHED APACHES AND DELIBERATELY PLANTED



I'M COMING TO THAT...
THE MEN WHO MASSACRED THAT WAGON
TRAIN WEREN'T INDIANS!
I PICKED UP THESE
BUTTS NEAR THE TRAIN CIGARETTES HAND-ROLLED PANHANDLE STYLE!



WHAT ABOUT CHIEF GOOD DOG AND LIEUTENANT GRANGE! BE RELEASED FROM PRISON IMMEDIATELY

YOU'VE CONVINCED ME, BLACK DIAMOND! WOULD

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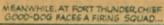
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TWO HOURS LATER, NOT HAR FROM CHIEF









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